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a generator of an analog duration control voltage having a variable voltage amount, coupled with the optical pulse generator for varying the respective pulse duration of each substantially symmetrical pulse in accordance with the amount.

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[ Please rewrite claim 12 as follows: ]

*A 2*  
12. (amended) A method comprising:

providing optics adapted for focusing on a layer of an information storage media and a symmetrical optical pulse generator, coupled with the layer through the optics;

generating a train of optical pulses, wherein each pulse is substantially symmetrical and has a respective temporal placement within the train and has a respective pulse duration;

generating an analog duration control voltage having a variable voltage amount for varying the respective pulse duration of each substantially symmetrical pulse in accordance with the amount.